

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 MANAGU 00144 122307Z

ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 SS-14 ISO-00 CA-01 SCS-01 SY-02 SSO-00

NSCE-00 INR-05 PRS-01 INRE-00 MCT-01 H-02 L-01

CIAE-00 /039 W

-----001399 122319Z /61

O 122213Z JAN 78

FM AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 5359

C O N F I D E N T I A L MANAGUA 0144

LIMDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, CASC, ASEC, NU

SUBJECT: PROTECTION OF AMCITS LODGED IN EMBASSY

REF: A) MANAGUA 0134 B) STATE 008391

1. AMBASSADOR AND DCM MET WITH FONMIN QUINTANA EARLY MORNING OF JANUARY 12 TO BROACH ISSUE OF AMCITS LODGED IN EMBASSY. QUINTANA UNDERTOOK TO COORDINATE GON POSITION AND WITHIN TWO HOURS CAME TO EMBASSY TO ADVISE THAT AMCITS WERE NOT CHARGED WITH ANY CRIME AND THAT GON DID NOT WISH TO APPREHEND THEM. FONMIN DID SAY THAT CONTINUED PRESENCE OF THE SIX IN MANAGUA FOR FROM 24 TO 48 HOURS MORE WOULD ASSIST IN INVESTIGATION OF PEDRO JOAQUIN CHAMORRO'S ASSASSINATION; HOWEVER, AND THAT THE GON WOULD GUARANTEE PROTECTION FOR THE MEN FOR AS LONG AS THEY REMAINED IN THE COUNTRY. QUINTANA SAID THEY COULD LODGE ANYWHERE IN THE CITY THEY MIGHT CHOOSE. AMCITS WERE INFORMED OF GON RESPONSE, CAUCUSED, AND THEIR SPOKESMAN, FAUSTO ALVAREZ, ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WOULD VOLUNTARILY REMAIN IN NICARAGUA. THE GROUP INITIALLY SPECIFIED MANAGUA INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL AS PREFERRED LODGINGS, BUT LATER, AFTER A NUMBER OF TELEPHONE CALLS (LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL LONG DISTANCE), EXPRESSED A PREFERENCE FOR HOME OF RAYMOND MOLINA, AN AMCIT WITH BUSINESS INTERESTS IN NICARAGUA WHO IS A CONFIDANT AND PARTNER OF PRESIDENT SOMOZA.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 MANAGU 00144 122307Z

2. AMBASSADOR PASSED GROUP'S RESPONSE TO FONMIN AT NOON RECEPTION. QUINTANA CONSULTED WITH HEAD OF OFFICE OF NATIONAL SECURITY (OSN) AND ANNOUNCED THAT A PLAINCLOTHES PROTECTIVE DETAIL WOULD PROVIDE SECURITY FOR GROUP AT MOLINA HOUSE. FONMIN SAID A WRITTEN GUARANTEE OF PROTECTION WOULD BE DELIVERED TO EMBASSY AS SOON AS IT COULD BE DRAFTED. (NOTE SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED.)

3. AT ABOUT 3:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME THE SIX DEPARTED THE EMBASSY COM-
POUND DRIVING THEIR OWN CARS AND ESCORTED BY THE OSN SECURITY
DETAIL. BEFORE THEY LEFT THE CHANCERY, MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WERE
GIVEN THEIR PERSONAL HANDGUNS WITH GON'S EXPLICIT CONCURRENCE.
EMBASSY DID NOT, HOWEVER, ACQUIESCE IN GROUP'S REQUEST TO HOLD FOR
SAFEKEEPING IN THE CHANCERY SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS OF VASE REMOVED
EARLIER FROM PLASMAFERESIS OFFICES.

4. MOLINA CALLED EMBASSY JUST AFTER THE SIX HAD DEPARTED TO WARN
EMBASSY THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT WORD BEING SPREAD AT CHAMORRO FUN-
ERAL TO EFFECT THAT THESE PLASMAFERESIS PERSONNEL WERE AT EMBASSY.
HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT DEMONSTRATORS MIGHT ATTACK EMBASSY THIS
AFTERNOON. EMBOFF INFORMED MOLINA THAT THE SIX WERE ALREADY EN-
ROUTE TO MOLINA'S HOUSE. MOLINA ASKED WHETHER EMBASSY COULD KEEP
THE SIX AT THE CHANCERY OR AT A "SAFE HOUSE." EMBOFF REPLIED THAT
THIS WAS IMPOSSIBLE, THAT THE GON HAD UNDERTAKEN TO PROTECT THE SIX,
AND THAT GON SECURITY MEN WERE ACCOMPANYING THEM TO MOLINA'S
HOME.

5. AT ABOUT 3:35, CONSULAR OFFICER RECEIVED CALL FROM FAUSTO ALVAREZ,
WHO SAID THAT THE GROUP HAD BEEN DIRECTED FROM MOLINA'S HOUSE TO
ANOTHER HOUSE WHICH HAD NO TELEPHONE. THE GROUP DECIDED NOT TO
STAY THERE BUT TO RETURN TO THE HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL, WHERE ALL
ARE NOW LODGED.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 MANAGU 00144 122307Z

6. EMBASSY, MEANWHILE, HAD PHONE CALL FROM MIAMI HERALD REPORTER
IN MIAMI SAYING THAT SHE HAD LEARNED FROM PEDRO RAMOS, PLASMA-
FERESIS'S HEAD WHO NOW IS MIAMI, THAT SIX EMPLOYEES OF HIS FIRM
WERE IN EMBASSY. SHE HAD NAMES AND NATIONAL BACKGROUNDS OF ALL SIX.
EMBASSY INFORMED HER THAT SIX HAD DEPARTED EMBASSY AND WERE UNDER
GON PROTECTION.
SOLAUN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: CITIZEN PROTECTION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 12 jan 1978
Decaption Date: 20 Mar 2014
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978MANAGU00144
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780019-0269
Format: TEL
From: MANAGUA
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780172/aaaaciwf.tel
Line Count: 101
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 95358be4-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Reference: 78 MANAGUA 134, 78 STATE 8391
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 22 jul 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3788641
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PROTECTION OF AMCITS LODGED IN EMBASSY
TAGS: PINS, CASC, ASEC, NU
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/95358be4-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014